

McGill workers set to strike

by Noz Takahashi

A strike of McGill's buildings and grounds workers has become a virtual certainty, as the workers yesterday almost unanimously rejected the administration's final contract offer at a stormy three-hour union meeting.

As the 60-day conciliation period set down by the Quebec department of labour expired yesterday, the union can go on strike at any time. The two parties have been negotiating since the contract covering the buildings and grounds workers expired last June. The workers are members of Local 298 of the Service Employees Union (affiliated to the Quebec Federation of Labour).

Of the 140 workers present at the meeting, 122 voted to reject McGill's final offer. The rejection vote gave a strike mandate to the negotiating committee, which will hold one more session this week with McGill in an attempt to wrest last-minute concessions before launching the strike.

The only way a strike can be averted is if McGill decides at that meeting to drastically revise its position on the major issues in contention. Considering the "hang-tough" attitude taken by the administration so far, this possibility seems quite remote.

McGill's final wage offer falls

from 42 to 73 cents short of union demands. The union is seeking wage parity with University of Montreal and University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM).

Another major issue is the fate of the \$140,000 in the old sick-leave bank. Since the money was accumulated through deductions from the workers' pay cheques, the union is demanding that the entire sum be returned — in cash — before McGill's new sick-leave plan can be accepted. McGill's proposed method of ending the old bank would mean the reimbursement of only \$40,800, leaving the workers short \$100,000.

"Either McGill should return all the money or it should prove that the workers have no right to the money. Deciding on its own to return less than a third of the sum is highway robbery and an insult to us," said one irate worker.

Neither has McGill budged on the question of vacations and holidays. While U of M and UQAM workers receive three weeks paid vacation after one year of service and four weeks after ten years, McGill refuses to change its present policy of giving three weeks after five years and four after 13 years. The union wants three weeks after two years and four weeks after 10 years.

On job security, the union is

asking that McGill phase out within six months its practice of hiring non-union security guards, whose number on campus has increased from five in 1966 to 50 at present. The administration says that union jobs are not endangered by this practice, and has told the union that the increase is simply a function of "increased student unrest" on campus. But the union is concerned, because the non-union guards, earning minimum wages, have taken over porters' and watchmen's jobs. McGill says it is fully justified in hiring whom it wants, claiming "employer's prerogative."

Even if all the union demands are met, the 300 buildings and grounds workers would still be lagging

behind U of M workers in fringe benefits and working conditions, but McGill refuses to listen to even this "gradual catch-up" plan presented by the union.

Over 70 per cent of the buildings and grounds workers are Italian immigrants, the rest being mostly Greek and Portuguese. The majority of them are middle-aged or approaching retirement, and have families to feed.

Several workers have charged that McGill has been able to exploit them more than usual because they are handicapped by language and lack union experience.

If a strike occurs, some workers added, the administration will try to prolong as long as possible the illusion that "it's business as usual

on campus." The workers urged students and faculty not to remain neutral in the struggle, since by doing so they would be helping it maintain this illusion. Students, they said, must oppose any attempts by McGill to mobilize campus opinion against the "unreasonable demands" of the workers and any attempt to organize student scabs to perform tasks left by the workers (clean-up campaigns, snow removal crews, etc.).

During the maintenance workers' strike at UQAM in 1970, students and faculty refused to cross picket lines and after two weeks of total paralysis on campus, the administration's resistance crumbled.



Daily photo by John Price

McGill building and grounds workers decide to strike if settlement is not reached this week.



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Speaker calls for destruction of Israel

An American representative of the Israeli League of Human Rights says "the structure of the Zionist-Jewish state of Israel" — but not the people within it — should be destroyed.

Dr. Norton Mezvinsky, explaining that the cause of the problems in the Middle East is the Zionist nature of the state of Israel, said Friday at Sir George Williams University that his call for destruction is for "orderly and peaceful destruction." He called for the establishment of a secular, multi-racial state, but admitted that his proposals were only partial solutions.

Also speaking at Sir George Friday, which was the fourth day of a conference sponsored by the Quebec-Palestine Association on the Middle East, was Barry Rubin, foreign editor of the American radical weekly newspaper The Guardian.

Rubin predicted a violent future for the Middle East and disagreed with the view that U.S. policy in the Middle East is directed by the Jewish minority in the U.S.

U.S. policy in the Middle East is made in the interest of "the people that run the country, the majority of whom are not Jewish — in fact, they are anti-Semitic."



Barry Rubin (left) and Norton Mezvinsky discussing the Middle East question at Sir George last Friday.

DAILY MEETING TODAY

The first meeting of the new Daily staff members will be held today in room 307 in the Union. Old staffers should also attend.

CHILE SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting today to organize a Chile Solidarity Committee.

The single most important task in the immediate future is organizing concrete support for the Chilean people and their struggle against the repressive military junta.

Those interested in organizing a committee at McGill should come to the meeting today at 4 p.m. in room 123-4 in the Union.

classifieds

These ads may be placed in the advertising office at the University Centre from 10 am to 5 pm. Ads received by noon appear the following day. Rates: 3 consecutive insertions—\$3.00 maximum 20 words. 15 cents per extra word.

FOR SALE

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Chevrolet 64 Malibu SS Bucket Seats V8—convertible top, \$150 or best offer—New Tires 277-2547 after 5:30 p.m. 392-8867 9 a.m.—5 p.m. Carmen

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PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

Anyone wishing to play hockey Thursday evenings from 8:30 to 10:30 at the New Bonaventure Arena on Cote De Liesse, please telephone Robert Berger at 842-6900 after 6 p.m. Play starts October 4th.

Practical Conversation French Course—To be offered by the M.S.E.A.—Course registration to take place Monday October 1, Wednesday October 3, and Thursday October 4, 7—10 p.m., Room 477 S.B.B.—Course enrollment to be limited—Registration Fee is \$15 —For more information call 392-5213.

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OPEN HOUSE, RED DOOR FRAT. Music, beer, 3/\$1, 4 p.m.—2 a.m. Post-game bash. 3647 University St.

Certified Bartending Course —Registration for the course will take place, Monday October 1, 3-5 p.m. 7-10 p.m.; Wednesday October 3, 7-10 p.m.; Thursday October 4, 4-6 p.m., 7-10 p.m. All registration will take place S.B.B. RM 477. Registration fee is \$15.00. Classes start week of October 15. For more info, call 392-5213.

WANTED

COMICS WANTED

Will pay best cash prices for accumulations or collections of comic books, large or small, new or old. Marvels and DC's preferred but will buy any offerings. Phone after 6:30 any evening. Location convenient. Peel above Sherbrooke. 844-5044.

MCGILL STUDENT CHAMBER ENSEMBLE has openings for violinists. Remuneration. Call 488-6208, after 6 p.m.

Volunteers wanted (male & female)—concerned dynamic individuals to advise Jewish teenage groups. For interview call 738-4753 (9 A.M.—5 P.M.)

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Lost gold-rimmed aviator glasses in brown case, Tuesday in McIntyre. If found please call Shelley 748-7071 or 748-9053.

Gold snake bracelet. Tuesday on or near campus. Family heirloom. Immeasurable sentimental value. Phone 849-5428. Please.

JOBS

Sitter wanted for 3 month old baby Mon. and Wed. 12:30—3:30 p.m. Will transport to you. \$1.00—\$1.25 per hour. Phone 342-5619.

WOMEN'S FRATERNITIES

What is a women's fraternity? Come and find out about us! Find friendship, and take part in sports, volunteer work, and on-campus activities. Watch for our notices in the Today and What's What Columns. *Rush Dates* — Oct 1 - 12th.

today

Alpha Gamma Delta Women's Fraternity:

Want to relax after classes? Alpha Gamma Delta invites all girls to tea this afternoon. Bring a friend. 3:30-5:30 p.m. 3563 University, apt. 10, 844-5412.

Murder at McGill:

Round 1 begins today. Pick up your game card at the Union Box Office and get busy.

Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity:

K.A.T. invites women to dinner. Come and meet us! 6-8 p.m. 546 Milton, apt. 2.

Sky-Diving:

First night of beginners' JUMP course. All are invited for an introduction to skydiving. 7 p.m. U-B47. 392-8901.

Legal Aid Clinic:

Union rm. 412. Open 11-3. 392-8952

Marxism and Israel:

Prof. W. Harvey of Philosophy Dept. will speak on Marxism and Israel. 1-2 p.m. Hillel — 3460 Stanley, 845-9171.

BSU:

1st meeting of 73-74 session. Rm. 457-58 of Union. 5 p.m. All welcome. 392-8947.

Savoy:

Auditions for Gilbert & Sullivan's *Mikado*. Singers of all persuasions. Helpers, etc. Sign up and/or try out. 7-10 p.m. B26-27 Union.

Community McGill:

Lunch meeting today — these people need volunteers: Montreal Children's Hospital Buddy Program and tutoring program (children with special learning disabilities) and the Big Brother and Big Sister program of Family Service. 1-2 p.m. U-307. Office open 12-3 p.m. in U-416.

East Asian Studies Association:

The East Asian Studies Association will hold its first meeting of the year at the Centre for East Asian Studies at 7 p.m. The agenda will include a report on summer activities, discussion of the role of the association at McGill, and a budget for this year. A film will be shown after the meeting. All interested parties are invited to attend.

French Conversation Course:

Please attend registration for this course tonight. Coffee served. 7-10 p.m. SBB 477, 392-5312.

WAA Jog Marathon:

Women. Jog at Currie or Molson any time til Oct. 5. Sign up in Currie locker room.

English Dept. Film Series:

Buster Keaton: Cops — Coney Island — Balloonatics — The Blacksmith. 4 p.m. Night showing. (time T.B.A.), L219. 484-5538.

Debating Union:

First Novice Training Session tonight. Come even if you missed last week's meeting. 7 p.m. Union B 42, 392-8909.

OPEN MEETING OF STUDENTS' SOCIETY WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3rd 1 P.M. in UNION BALLROOM

To consider the following motions:

- RESOLVED** that Radio McGill be allowed to resume normal operation immediately and to continue until the committee established to study the situation returns its report.
- RESOLVED** that any resolution in respect of any Students' Society major activity, society, or club require forty-eight hours notice to the executive of the said organization before it can be brought before Council, and that the said organization be permitted to address Council on the resolution.

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LEAN AND HUNGRY/BY GEORGE KOPP

TODAY WE CALL ON OUR OLD FRIEND, VICE PRINCIPAL IN CHARGE OF THE PRINCIPAL, KNOWN TO HIS FRIENDS AS "THE ANGELIC DOCTOR," STANLEY FROST.

TALK WITH RESPECT OR I'LL HAVE YOU ARRESTED FOR HERESY.

DR. FROST, THE MAINTENANCE WORKERS ARE GOING ON STRIKE AT MCGILL. THEIR DEMANDS (INCLUDE PARITY WITH WORKERS AT U. de M. AND U. de Q...

WE OFFER THEM ENGLISH CULTURE AND ALL THEY WANT IS FRENCH MONEY.

...PLUS COMPLETE REIMBURSEMENT OF A HEALTH FUND WHICH WAS DEDUCTED FROM THEIR WAGES AND IS NOW INOPERATIVE. YOU INTEND TO WITHHOLD \$100,000 OF THAT MONEY.

WE'VE OFFERED TO RETURN \$40,000. WHY DON'T YOU REPORT THINGS FAIRLY?

WHAT JUSTIFICATION DO YOU GIVE FOR WITHHOLDING WHAT AMOUNTS TO \$100,000 OF BACK PAY?

NONE.

NONE?

WHY SHOULD I? I DON'T GET PAID FOR TAKING OUT THE GARBAGE.



what's what

WOMEN'S WORKSHOPS

There will be a series of October-November workshops held at the Woman's Place, 3764 St. Laurent Blvd., tel. 845-7146. A \$2 fee will be charged for the complete series of 30 workshops.

Monday, October 1, at 8 p.m. - Public Speaking—series of 6 classes.

Thursday, October 4, at 8 p.m. - Women and the Visual Arts—series of six workshops.

Tuesday, October 9, at 8 p.m. - Women & Law—series of six workshops.

Wednesday, October 10, at 8 p.m. - Women to organize a Self-Help Clinic.

Thursday, October 11, at 8 p.m. - Basics of Writing—series of five workshops.

Wednesday, October 17, at 8 p.m. - Problems of Third World Women—series of six workshops.

SAVOY SOCIETY

Auditions for Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" will be held in Union B 26-27 from 7 p.m. onwards, on October 3, October 5, and October 7. Singers of all sorts are warmly invited to try out for chorus parts and lead roles. No experience or ability to read music necessary. (These qualities are helpful, though.) We also need set-builders, costume-confectioners, make-up-gnomes, and other talented folks. So come to B 26-27: sign up or try out...or both!

E.U.S. PHOTO CLUB

Membership cards are on sale now at the E.U.S. office. The club features a fully equipped darkroom (chemicals provided), bulk film on sale at reduced prices (35 cents for 36 exposures Tri-X, etc.), and free lessons in developing and printing to begin in October. Cards are

\$3.00, available from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LEARN TO USE THE LIBRARY

Our library tours will save you hours of wasted work: learn to find the books you need and the information you want. Come to the INFO DESK—REDPATH UNDERGRADUATE LIBRARY. Monday to Friday this week at 3 p.m. and if you can't make it then, come and see us—we'll arrange something.

HYPNOTISM AND SELF-HYPNOSIS COURSE

The McGill Student Entrepreneurial Agencies Inc. offers for a second consecutive year a course on hypnotism. It will be taught by Maurice Kershaw, Director of the Canadian Institute of Hypnotism, starting Monday October 15, and will continue for 8 consecutive Mondays from 8 to 10 p.m., in Leacock 114. Registration is held on Monday, October 1, Wednesday, October 3, and Thursday, October 4, between 7 and 10 p.m. in SBB 477. Please come and inquire. Coffee will be served. For further information call MSEA at 392-8094 or 392-5213.

COMMUNITY MCGILL

Come to Community McGill if you want information about volunteering. We can tell you about being a big brother or sister, tutoring, recreation programs, assisting in day care centers, friendly visiting on hospital wards, working with children who have speech problems, and volunteering in a hospital emergency unit. These are some of the areas in which we already have programs. If however you've got your own ideas or special talents, we're ready and willing to give whatever support or suggestions we can. Few programs require experience; most programs demand only an interest in other people and willingness to commit yourself to spending 3-5 hours a week volunteering. For more information come to Union 416 or call 392-8980 between 12 and 3.

CUSO MEETING

CUSO Information meeting: "Canada and the Caribbean". Speaker and discussion. 4824 Cote-des-Neiges, Room 310, 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

BARTENDING COURSE

Certified bartending course; registration for the course will take place, Monday October 1, 3-5 p.m., and 7-10 p.m.; Wednesday October 3, 7-10 p.m. and Thursday October 4, 4-6 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. All registration will take place in SBB room 477. Registration fee is \$15. Classes start week of October 15. For more information, call 392-5213.

WOMEN'S FRATS?

Are women's Frats for you? Think positive! Come meet us during rush on October 1 to 12. Lunches, coffees and dinners served. Look in Today column and Classified ads of Daily for when and where. Great time to make friends and run into old ones you haven't seen in a while. Hope to meet you. Just drop in.

CAMERA CLUB

For information on Camera Club membership and the beginners' course, please check the bulletin board outside the darkroom (Union B10).

MURDER AT MCGILL

Round 1 of our annual death-defying game is about to commence. Rules are as follows:

1. Eligibility: Any member of the McGill community may participate—students, faculty or staff.
2. Registration: Sign up at the Union Box Office between Sept. 24 and Sept. 28. Warning—NO late entries can be accepted.
3. Pick up your personalized game card from the Union Box Office on October 1st.
4. Each entrant receives a list of five names of other entrants, plus two "lives".
5. The object of the game is to "murder" these victims in the most ingenious possible way. No

victim may be killed more than once by any one murderer, and the entrant must only murder the victims on his own list.

6. When an entrant is murdered, he must surrender one of his lives to his murderer. (However, lives of previous victims may be surrendered in place of the entrant's own lives.)

7. Round 1 will run from Oct. 1 until midnight on Oct. 31. Players who have 4 or more lives in their possession at the end of the round should turn them in at the Union Box Office in order to qualify for Mastermurder.

8. Mastermurder will be played from March 6 to March 20 with a different set of rules which will remain secret until that time. The winners of Mastermurder receive appropriate prizes in recognition of their superior necromantic skills.

If you still have questions about NSE leave a note at the Union Box Office and we'll "be in touch with you".

The Necrophilic Studies Experiment lives!

Till death do us part,
N1 & N2

LATE REGISTRATION

Late registration will take place at Redpath Hall on Monday, October 1 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. This is the final date for all students to register.

JUMP FOR JOY!

Now's your chance to do what you've always dreamed of, the space-age sport of SKYDIVING! Feel the thrill of the realization of man's ultimate desire, to be able to soar unencumbered through the air, to be able to fly!

Do you like speed? Acceleration? Skydiving provides this all without restraining earthly ties. If you feel this is your sport, come to our beginners course Monday 1st at 7 P.M. held in the Student Centre, B47. If you're undecided, hop on down anyway and see what skydi-

ving's all about. We'd like to see you! Skydiving is not only a man's sport. We have lots of women skydivers. For more info come to B47 or call 392-8901.

BLACK STUDENTS UNION

First meeting for the '73-'74 session will be held on Monday, October 1, Union Rm. 457-458, at 5 p.m. We welcome all interested students to attend. Activities for the coming year will be discussed.

ISA BY-ELECTIONS

ISA nominations: the posts of treasurer and public relations officer are open. Five signatures are needed on the nomination form from members of the ISA council (executive committee and heads of national clubs). Chief Returning Officer is Wei Chin. Drop your nomination in the MCSS mailbox by Oct. 1.

BRIDGE CLUB

How would you like to play against the best bridge players in the world? Now is your chance. The McGill University Bridge Club will sponsor (we hope) a team to play in the district finals of the Grand National Team Championships. If you would like to play on a team, or field a team of your own, phone Howard, 481-9122 or Robert, 488-3085.

WATER POLO

Students interested in trying out for the Intercollegiate Water Polo team should attend first practice Monday October 1 at 6 pm, and report to Kirk Thompson, Water Polo Coach. Practice schedule as follows:

Mondays: 6-7 pm
Wednesdays: 5:30-6:30 pm
Fridays: 5:30-6:30 pm
Saturdays 9:30-11 am (for selected weekends).

Prerequisites—previous water polo or competitive swimming experience.

Season Duration—October 1, 1973 to February 9, 1974.

letters

can government because the CIA has proved that it hasn't lost its touch.

Robert Brais

Coup pooh-pooched

To the editor:

I deeply resent and loudly protest your treatment of the Chilean governmental changes in Vol. 63 No. 3. As a new student, I am unaware as to whether or not you frequently use Asian News Services or Prensa Latina. However, everyone must realize that these services have all the objectivity of Tass or any one of Herr Doktor Goebbels' inventions. Thus, the use of these highly suspect sources does you no good; a possible exception is with hard-core propagandists who delight in agit-prop used for its own sake.

A distinct bias is also shown in your use of the word "coup" in banner headlines. Why "coup" and not "revolution"? Answer: to a Marxist a revolution is from the people while a change in "oppressors" is merely a coup.

In conclusion, I feel that this revolution was good for Chile, in that it ended the slowdowns and shutdowns that had crippled the nation's economy in recent months. I also feel that this has been good for the world situation because the "Free World" (?) couldn't face a freely elected Marxist government, nor could hard-line Marxists. Finally, it restores confidence in the Ameri-

Book sale undersold

To the editor:

Prompted by the inaccuracies described in Michael Johnson's article "Few Profit From Sale"... Daily, Mon. Sept. 24..., this is a brief exposition of more positive features of the second-hand book sale.

The sale came into being through the initiative of the Students' Council executive and reflects the executive's genuine desire to improve the student's lot on campus. The question is — has it done so, and at what expense?

The executive decided to call for bids to run the second-hand book sale as a business venture because it was aware of past failures of volunteer clubs and organisations to provide an effective service. The bid was won and a profit figure of 15 per cent was agreed upon. The 15 per cent commission is charged only on books actually sold through the sale, contrary to Johnson's assertion in this article. The student is encouraged to ask a price of 60-75 per cent of the original price of the book, if the book is in good condition. No charge is made on unsold books; they are returned to owners on demand.

Over 1000 students have consigned books to date and have



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received more than \$4000 from the book sale. Many students have been enabled to unload unwanted expensive textbooks and thereby help fight the spiralling cost of new books.

The service has been a success, and one hopes that it will be continued in the future. Perhaps an alternative means of compensation could be found for the organisers of future sales so that they could derive equivalent satisfaction from working a 12-hour day. However, never, never call it profit, for there are those who would prefer to have all student activities financed by a handshake.

Fred Guilhaus, MBA 2

Editor's Note: Mr. Guilhaus is in charge of the second-hand book sale.

Daily too far out

To the editor:

I would be interested to know whether you are planning a column of sorts where the students of McGill can write freelance articles (not editorials) about the university. Of course, certain issues should allow for an amount of bias, e.g., the university's policy pertaining to destruction and construction within McGill boundaries, especially in the Milton-Park area and on University Street.

Too much space in the newspaper is concerned with events that students cannot relate to or react to in a beneficial way. We should be more concerned with civic, provincial, and university matters, rather than international happenings. I am not saying that the Daily should drop all concern

for world affairs, but it should stress its responsibility to the student body and its affairs, e.g., criticism, if any, of the music faculty's programs, facilities, events, etc.

L.F. MacLellan

Editor's note: We would like to give you an idea of the types of articles contained in the Daily as of your letter dated September 24. An intensive study of the various subjects dealt with in the Dailies of September 21, 22, and 23 reveals that 23 articles were strictly concerned with McGill, 4 were on other universities, 3 dealt with topics in Quebec, and only 4 were of the international variety. These last four articles discussed important issues in Vietnam and in Chile.

From the Students' Society executive

Against the power of open meetings

by Earle Taylor
Students' Society
External Vice-President

I have been thinking for the past week about what to include in an article like this — and believe me, it's not easy to decide. There are really so many things that I'd like to make you aware of that it is virtually impossible to include them all.

In any case, I'll begin by giving new students at McGill a little background information. First of all, the three of us on the executive (Paul Drager, president; Mark Bernier, internal vice-president; and myself) decided to run last year because we believed that if a unified executive was elected, we might be able to implement some radical changes in the Students' Society: changes that would get more of you involved, put an end to many of the outrageous things that take place in the Union (University Centre), and hopefully give the Students' Society a good basic organized structure, which would make it more democratic and also make the term "student

power" or whatever you wish to call it, a reality at McGill.

The way we are set up at present makes us an almost powerless voice in dealing with desired changes in university courses or university policy. It's really quite pathetic how a Students' Union with a budget of over \$300,000 a year can be so ineffective at implementing changes at the university, municipal, and provincial government levels. Unfortunately, this is true of the McGill Students' Society.

As a slate

As some of you may be aware, we on the executive ran as a slate in an election held last February, and thanks to a very thorough campaign, we won. But the important thing is the overwhelming majority we received.

About 2,500 students voted in each election. (Not too impressive considering there are about 15,000 students at McGill, but most elections seldom find more than 2,000 voters). Paul Drager received 1,447 votes, and his closest opponent (who happens to have been the now-famous-all-across-campus Will Hoffman) received

only 515 votes. Mark Bernier gained 1,385 votes, and his closest competitor got 726. I received 1,325 votes, and my major opponent got 342.

Naturally, when you receive such a large majority over the people who represent the establishment within the Union, you can't help but interpret it as a mandate from the students for some pretty heavy changes in the Students' Society. Unfortunately, the people whom I refer to as the "Union establishment" (better known as "Union hacks") don't give a damn about any mandate we may have received and so, by the weakness of our constitution, they can and seem to be willing to overturn every major decision we make through your elected Council.

Open meetings

This weakness allows 300 students (about two per cent of our population) to constitute a quorum at an official open meeting of the Students' Society. Of those 300 present, 151 students have the power to vote anything they want.

This means that one per cent of our membership can overturn any

decision of the representative Students' Council. One per cent of our membership can vote any amount of money (maximum \$300,000) to any outside group they wish. The paradox of this whole situation is that one per cent of the Students' Society cannot vote any amount of money to an inside group (i.e., one that is normally funded by the Students' Society). This is because the constitution states that an "inside" group's budget must be approved by the finance committee and by Council.

As a result of the power of these open meetings, the executive and Students' Council is quite limited in what they can do. They have to be careful not to offend any group — even if that group is causing severe problems. After all, it's pretty easy for any group to get 151 friends to support them in an open meeting — especially when there's a "cause."

A lot of criticism

This, of course, brings us to several topics with regards to which the executive has received a lot of criticism — criticism that we feel has often been unfair (a biased opinion on our part — obviously). But this is precisely why I've taken

the time to write this rather lengthy article. I honestly feel that many of you have been left with a very one-sided opinion of what we are doing, and it's about time you heard the other side.

At the beginning of the year we realized that the Daily would be continuously pointing out our faults, and we agreed not to pay any attention to it. But, when friends approach you and ask how you managed to "steal" all "that money," then you begin to wonder what the rest of the students must think. Obviously, this concerns us quite a bit. If it didn't, I wouldn't have spent the time required to write this article.

There are several specific topics with which I'd like to deal, but I was recently informed that I would have to limit this article to about 1,000 words an issue so please check the Daily this week for comments on the following: 1) executive honorariums; 2) the closure of Radio McGill (naturally); 3) the day care issue; 4) the proposed new constitution; 5) payment of George Kopp — Daily cartoonist; 6) and a few other general comments.

News analysis

Declassification and Quebec teachers

by Kirk Stevens

The past week in the 100-odd schools of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal (PSBGM) has been one of the most significant and frustrating in the history of that venerable institution.

The declassification and the student strikes it sparked come at a time when Montreal school boards are adapting to Bill 71, which gave citizens a vote and a voice in public education for the first time. With the arbitrary declassification and consequent pay cuts of 850 PSBGM teachers enforced by the government, the much touted democratization and decentralization of the school system seems to have broken down before it started.

By the end of the week, all parties in the dispute felt caught in the middle. The newly elected board found itself powerless to defy the government because Bill 71 had ended fiscal autonomy. The teachers, prevented from striking until 1975, found themselves impotent except to cut off all extra-curricular activities. The students felt themselves to be pawns in an education game that in theory is supposed to be for their benefit, but quite obviously isn't.

Technically, the crux of the dispute centres on the government's decreed classification system, which categorizes qualifications according to the number of years spent in study. Seemingly a rational system, it actually penalizes many who have studied outside the province in schools with different promotion systems. As well, it downgrades teachers who earned a bachelor's degree with majors or who have taken certain night courses to upgrade themselves, which counted before but not now. Some instructors have lost more than \$2,000 a year.

The declassification dispute finds its roots in the history of education in Quebec since the "Quiet Revolution." Before the establishment of the department of education, in 1964, the educational system worked in a rather haphazard manner, with each local board collecting money and spending it on facilities and salaries according to local conditions and demands. Certain boards, like PSBGM, could afford to pay their teachers at a substantially higher level than others.

Since the demands of a technical society made the continuance of such varied standards impossible and since glaring inequalities in educational standards could no longer be tolerated by the francophone majority in Quebec,

the government of the Quiet Revolution — and all Quebec governments since — felt impelled to attempt some sort of homogenization of education. By setting up the department of education, the government could exercise control over curriculum and practices by virtue of its control of funds.

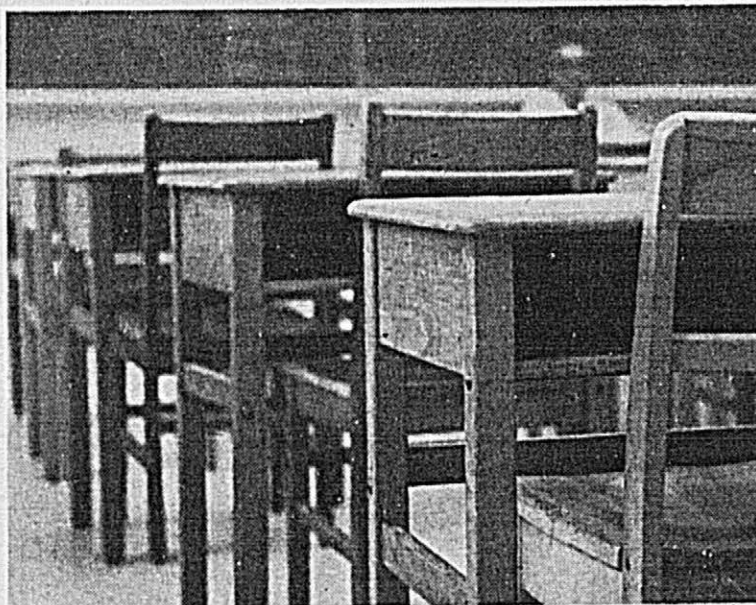
The attempt to equalize the quality of education throughout Quebec was impossible because of the weak financial position of the government. Caught between the contrary threats of inflation and recession and fearing to antagonize taxpayers with larger tax burdens, the government was unable to provide the ideal solution of paying teachers according to the standards of the more affluent boards.

The solution was to decelerate pay increases in some sectors and to accelerate them in others. Deceleration was, of course, the preferred method.

Teachers, their status enhanced by the new regard for education, had quite different ideas, however. The result has been a dreary cycle of negotiating master contracts, cutting off negotiations, having a strike, then legislating the teachers back to work by decree. And with every new swing of the cycle, it becomes apparent that the teachers, like other civil servants, find it frustrating to be in the employ of an institution — the state — that is also the final court of appeal in any labour dispute.

Specifically, the declassification dispute arose after the forced settlement of the Common Front Strike. The teachers were legislated back by the national assembly and given a master contract. Some clauses of the contract were not spelled out in detail, the idea being that further negotiations on these points between the government and the unions would help moderate the arbitrariness of the legislation and make for better "labour relations." To arrive at a settlement, the government imposed a deadline, after which, failing agreement, it threatened to decree its own solution. Classification was one of these areas.

Among the teachers' unions, classification also was the most divisive issue, as Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers (PAPT), the Provincial Association of Catholic Teachers (PACT), and the Quebec Teachers' Corporation (CEQ) could not agree among themselves on an equitable standard of qualifications. The problem was that each union drew its membership from people who were educated in different systems. For



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example, many of the Catholic teachers had proceeded through the colleges classiques for which no real equivalent is found in the Protestant system.

Thus, after the deadline was passed, the government decreed its own solution: a classification manual. Negotiations for a better system are still in progress, but the manual will be in force until June 1974, when a committee set up to deal with the issue will make its report.

Meanwhile, teachers find themselves in a situation with little prospects of improvement. They are forbidden to strike until 1975, and even then the right to strike against their employers depends on the goodwill of the employers themselves.

In the PAPT, the attitude that the government is pro-"French" and is trying to "drag us (i.e.: English Protestants) down to their level" doesn't do much good in terms of presenting the government with a really unified common front of teachers (i.e. with the CEQ). But the PAPT and the Montreal Teachers' Association (MTA) do in general recognize that such a common front is necessary and are willing to seek agreement with their sister unions. Anti-French and parochial attitudes in the general membership of the MTA are still around, but in the face of governmental intransigence, they are giving way to a more practical form of consciousness.

Direct action in the short run is, however, limited. Last week, the MTA voted to suspend all the teachers' extra-curricular activities, an action that affects the

PSBGM's 21 high schools, but doesn't make much of an impact at the elementary level. This decision sparked a rather spontaneous and unorganized series of student walkouts last week.

The attitudes of the teachers, the PSBGM, and the students themselves to the walkouts only reveals the confused nature of the situation. First, the students. Although the student walkouts were sparked by the teachers' ban on extra-curricular activities, the anger of the students was directed at the government, not the teachers. In fact the students expressed support of the teachers.

The "strikes" began Wednesday at Verdun High. The call to strike spread by means of a mimeographed circular distributed by hand to the other schools. The original plan called for an all-day strike Thursday, but as soon as the word got around, many students began leaving classes immediately. Through Thursday and Friday, students left classes, came back to classes, milled around and dispersed — all in a very haphazard and almost miraculous fashion. Leadership was in most cases non-existent and although students in general knew what the issues were, many did not. Grade-eights were going to their teachers with puzzled countenances, begging for directions and being answered only by non-committal shrugs and "I don't know." In many cases, the mildness of the weather contributed to whatever solidarity there was in the movement.

By the end of the week, a rough-and-ready organization — the "inner-city Students Council" — was trying to coordinate things and had established a tentative

contact with the MTA. Its ability to influence the students is, however, in doubt, as it is a difficult task for high school students to communicate openly with their confreres in a milieu that often tends to be repressive. The second problem is that student leaders are often regarded as the principal's lackeys by some wild and woolly elements, who just want to strike for the hell of it and to whom the thought of waiting a day to cut classes is anathema.

The teachers? The MTA made a disavowal of any responsibility for the strike, and it could not have been more honest. Fearful of losing their jobs, but secretly pleased at the walkouts, teachers most often parried queries from the students with Cheshire cat smiles and silence. A significant minority of older teachers did not say anything, but quietly wondered what their little portions of the world were coming to. After all, in the high schools, the students are often still an enemy to be faced daily across a desk, and force-fed knowledge for their own good.

Officially, Don Peacock, MTA president, has thanked the students for their concern and expressed the hope that they will return to classes, as he considers them to have made their case already, at least on declassification.

The PSBGM? After having given verbal support to its teachers' demands by calling the government's action intolerable, the PSBGM could not very well discipline the strikers, but neither did it condone the action. The Fielding office's attitude is simple: wait for Monday and see what happens.

During this week, the governments, the PSBGM, and the MTA are to negotiate with a view to moderating the harshness of declassification. The government is trying to get a soft public relations image, but what it is prepared to yield is anyone's guess. Although it is extremely doubtful whether the government will renounce the classification manual, it might agree to a more liberal interpretation of it, meaning that the salary cuts for PSBGM teachers could be moderated. The prospect of an election on October 29, with the Liberals finding it necessary to woo or at least placate Montreal's anglophones, might make the government a little less intransigent than in the past. But, then, Quebec might feel that it has the anglophone vote sewed up and must not alienate members of the francophone community.

Brooks scores 3 TDs as...

Redmen trample Mac 55-7

by Elliott Pap

It's been said that the world of sports is a world full of clichés. For example, how often have you heard "You've gotta give 110 per cent out there at all times" or "The turnovers can kill you" or "It's a 60 minute game" etcetera, etcetera. Last Saturday at Molson Stadium, the McGill Redmen did not give 110 per cent at all times, they committed four turnovers in the first quarter alone, and they played only 30 minutes. Instant conclusion — "Boy, they probably got wiped." Instant rebuttal — "Are you crazy?!" They played MacJae.

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, they played the MacJae Clansmen, a team which plainly and simply has no business being on the same gridiron as the powerful Redmen. There seems to be little value in criticizing the Clansmen and calling them a hopeless, hapless, helpless, hop-less team; because they aren't that bad. They're just playing in the wrong league — Vanier and Dawson are more their speed. This view is shared by many who follow the QUAA, including, probably, the Clansmen themselves. They lost their first encounter 52-0 and their second (against McGill) 55-7. Now that's not exactly fielding a competitive team, is it?

Fans and sunshine

Okay, let's forget the fact the game should not have been played, and tell everyone what happened.

First of all, the weather was nice, actually, brilliantly sunny at times. Second, the crowd topped the 1000 mark (estimates were in the 1200-1500 range) which is about 100 per cent better than last year's average.

With these things going for them, one would have expected the Redmen to come out roaring. Instead they came out like pussycats and, surprisingly, it was the Clansmen who were fired up. Can this be the same group of Clansmen who were supposed to have no team?

It looked like it when Redmen halfback Mike Chambers rolled around right end for a 99-yard touchdown run midway through the first quarter. However, a clip brought the ball back to the McGill 45. (Oh well.) Three plays later Don Cowie fumbled at the Mac 53 and the Clansmen recovered. (Oh really?) Six plays later Redman Howie Warner fumbled a missed field goal, which Mac's Mike Schofield recovered for a touchdown. (Oh no!)

So here were our bumbling heroes trailing 7-0 to a supposedly inept opponent. If it wasn't for the uniforms, we might have had trouble telling who was who. The Redmen's first quarter miseries didn't end with the TD, though.

On McGill's next series, quarterback Dis Auders was intercepted by Jeff Mills. But the Clansmen, nice visitors that they were, fumbled the ball right back to their hosts. So Auders threw another interception to Jeff Mills. Finally, the disastrous (for the Redmen anyway) first quarter mercifully

came to an end, and then the fun began.

Auders to Ron Kelly for a 30-yard touchdown pass. Auders to Ross Brooks for a 41-yard TD pass. Auders to Brooks again, this time a 32-yard pass and run play. Conceded safety touch on bad snap. Wide field goal attempt for single. Halftime — McGill 24, MacJae 7.

The 24 point blitz took a mere

nine and a half minutes, and now it was clearly evident to all those present that McGill was McGill and that Mac was, indeed, Mac.

Dull third quarter

The third quarter was fairly dull as the Redmen decided to save (?) their strength for the fourth. Graham Hook, a refugee from the engineering flagball league, is the only name worth mentioning, as he

sacked Mac QB Dan Gendron for a safety.

The final quarter completed the carnage (obviously — if you've been keeping count), as the big Red scored at will.

Bob Lapkovsky drove in from the 3-yard line. Soon after, back-up QB Tony Pietroniro tossed a 3-yard TD pass to Ross Brooks, after sucking in Mac's defence with a

play-action fake. After that, Don Cowie broke loose on a 27-yard TD run. And soon after that (more precisely, the game's last play), DHB Brian Quick returned an interception 100 yards (pant! pant!) for the last major score of the afternoon. Ron Kelly's talented toe accounted for the remainder of the scoring.

NOTES: Some interesting statistics from the game show that the Redmen piled up 445 yards total offence, 263 of them on the ground....Mike Chambers and Don Cowie each rushed for over 100 yards....The Redmen were also penalized for well over 100 yards, prompting several players to remark that they thought the officials were trying to keep the score down....Brian Quick recovered one fumble and made three interceptions. His total yardage on those plays was nearly as much as Mac's entire offence of 137 yards....As a team, the Redmen picked off seven passes....

PAP CRAP: Guard Tom Masco talking about offensive tackle Don Dawson, "He's probably the best tackle in the league." Dawson's reply? "Masco's right, you know."...Coach Charlie Baillie on Loyola's loss to Bishop's. "It makes the league more interesting...." Me on Cable TV's production of the game, shown yesterday afternoon. "Pretty terrible but it's a start." At least the half-time interview with the Daily's sports editor was (duh!) foist class....



Daily photo by Rick Martin

Redmen end Ron Kelly tries vainly to snag this Dis Auders pass. Although he failed, Kelly did manage a 30-yard TD reception during Saturday's rout.

Inside the women's athletics scene

by Ellen Einterz
and Nancy Lagodich

Imagine September, 1899. McGill University's Royal Victoria College has just welcomed its first women students. On a sunny, autumn afternoon, the girls in the gang, appropriately clad in billowing skirts and ruffled, high-collared blouses, decide to shoot a few action-packed matches of croquet. Other women, who are not so competitive, but are equally in favour of exercise, lace up their tennis boots and take a few brisk strolls through McGill's verdant campus.

Imagine September 1973. On McGill's campus, women, wearing the latest sweatsuits and tailor-fitted cutoffs, practise field hockey to a background harmony of whistles, drills, whistles, derogatory outbursts, and whistles. In Molson Stadium, women jog two to five miles a day in a marathon competition. Basketball, volleyball, hockey and swimming teams await another season of victories and defeats, of practices and tournaments, of sleeping in buses and eating peanut butter and jelly dinners. Fencers, curlers, and tennis players anticipate another season of excitement, work-outs

and team spirit, while the other sports minded have another chance at improving their skills through intramurals.

Behind the conglomeration of teams and activities is the Women's Athletic Association of McGill. It is the WAA which organizes extramural and intramural sports, keeps records of team and individual scorings, provides the programs with a budget, and tries throughout the year to reach every McGill female who has an interest in any aspect of athletics. Under the supervision and zeal of this year's WAA president, Sue Paquette, the success of the WAA is certain to continue increasing. Sue was in the working world for awhile before joining McGill's CEGEP and collegiate basketball teams. Now in U1 and heading for (what else?) a bachelor of Physical Education, she has become a vital force both on the field hockey and ice hockey teams.

"The purpose of the WAA is to encourage as many girls with an interest in athletics as we can," Sue emphasized. "Since more are interested in the intramural sports than in intercollegiate teams, we are putting more of our energy in that program."

Sue went on to explain that the

major problem in the past has been informing members of the larger faculties, such as Arts and Science, of programs available to them while at the same time encouraging them to participate. Many newcomers shrink at the entrance of the Currie Gymnasium, questioning their skill and experience, wondering what forms and super-muscle tests await them. The WAA wants to squelch that fear.

The basic change in the WAA this year is the subdividing of the organization so that each unit may concentrate exclusively on its function. On this principle, the faculty of Arts and Science has been split into two separate intramural teams, each with a faculty representative on the council. This change is part of the effort being made to inform the students of activities available to them.

In addition, WAA officers are considering obtaining a bulletin board or some other sort of information centre on lower campus, possibly in the Union, for the convenience of interested students. If such a location could be established, more would know that, for example, McGill's WAA offers thirteen intramural sports,

as well as five co-educational activities and nine intercollegiate teams. More would know that the Iveagh Munro Award, the Dr. Gladys Bean Award, and other awards are presented to women for their degrees of participation. More would know about intramural standings, about results of McGill's intercollegiate games, where teams rank in their leagues, about intramural schedules, varsity games and tournaments.

Of the six principles which the Women's Intramural Program is based, one is to "provide the facilities and organized athletic activity which will encourage maximum participation". In accomplishing this goal, the executive of the WAA will mold its interests in the interests of its participants. President Sue Paquette is anxious to acknowledge the principle, as is the entire Women's Athletic Association. Undoubtedly, there are those who prefer a tranquil match of croquet to muddy cleats. However, since those with such preference have diminished during the past decades, croquet has become one of the sports the WAA does not offer...but, you croquet-lovers, don't despair, for, as Sue said, "Our constitution is flexible."

Cagers anticipate winning season

by John M. Robertson

It's back. Basketball is here again and the leather hits the hardwood in preparation for the upcoming cage season. At this time last year, the Redmen Hoopsters were coming off an extremely successful season capped off by their participation in the national championships in Vancouver.

Today is a different story, folks, as last season was marked with numerous problems, among them, an inexperienced and inconsistent team, highlighted more by colorful personalities than playing ability. Where then, do we find ourselves today?

Pre-season scouting reports have been filtering in from various sources throughout the QUAA league, sources who at this time will remain unnamed, so as to protect their anonymity. The early, but I would be quick to add, not premature, hearsay has the Redmen among the "teams to beat" in the QUAA this year. Rumours, not unfounded, have disclosed that our hoopsters will be, in the greatest tradition of understatement, "tough on the boards". How tough? "Like leather," says one qualified source.

To what do our cagers owe their unprecedented look? Firstly, this year will be, for many of the fans, a year of nostalgia. Returning to the Redmen roster this season will be two flashes from the past. Two players with the abilities to strike fear into the opposition's heart by their mere appearance on the court. The players in question — guard Chad Gaffield and forward John Derby.

Gaffield, a New York product, is renowned for his ability to "pot the pill from way downtown". To "pot the pill" is synonymous with scoring a basket, "way downtown" is from a range of approximately 20

feet. After sitting out last season, Chad has reportedly found the downtown area too much to handle, subsequently, fans may look for shots from "out in the suburbs".

Derby is not a name to be forgotten by any means. While being the lesser-known of the two, John is, in his own way, equally accomplished in what he does on the court. At a height of 6'3", he is eminent among the rebounders. It isn't his height that disturbs his opponents, but rather his tenacity, fortitude, and general bestial-like qualities while in hot pursuit of the oft-elusive rebound.

A quick glance around the campus reveals the return of many of the fans' favourites from last year. Vying for spots on this year's squad will be such household names as "Trigger" Logan, Dave "Cultured Pearl" Yarock, Kevin "Rocket Shoe" Walsh, Dave "Swish" Kassie, and the heart and soul of the Redmen, Howard "Shoe-Shoe" Drobetsky.

In addition to the returnees, there will be, at all indications, one of the finest turnouts of new arrivals ever to arrive upon the McGill basketball scene. Rumours of all sorts have been spread regarding many of the aforementioned new arrivals, but I, for one, refuse to perpetuate such behaviour. I am, however, at liberty to divulge the fact that among those in training camp will be one player who is in the estimation of a reliable source, "capable of leaping out of the gym". Furthermore, reports of an "unnamed" player hailing from Brooklyn, formerly of UCLA, attempting to "cut the mustard" with the Redmen, are entirely true.

Lest we not forget, reappearing anew to choreograph the entire scenario, will be Sam "Jumpin' Flash" Wimisher and his slotman

Ira Turetsky. Going against the popular trend in athletics today, these men are not in it for the money, as there is none to be had. Rather, they are there, in my estimation, for the glory. What glory? A season like last year's and these men could be, as one irate fan put it, "tarred 'n feathered and run out of town on a rail." The glory, therefore, had better come soon, as the fans demand "snap", "pop" and "padazzle" on the court.

In conclusion, both fans and

non-fans may look forward to an exciting season of basketball, with a team that should be a genuine contender. Admission to Redmen games is free, making it possible for hard-core and dilettante alike to engage in the simple, yet sometimes complex, art of being a fan. Of all sports, the spectators in basketball are the closest to the action, so if you're a sports fan or not, it's a good evening of entertainment. "If you ain't got nothin', you got nothin' to lose."

One more time...

Tryouts for the men's varsity basketball team will begin tomorrow October 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Currie Gym. All full-time students, including freshmen and graduate students, are eligible. Those wishing to try out should either register at the General Office at the gym, room 3, or phone 392-4729. A team manager is also urgently needed. Apply at room 3.

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